

Element 1: GOALS

This SSMP element identifies goals the District has set for the management, operation and maintenance of the sewer system and discusses the role of the SSMP in supporting these goals. These goals provide focus for District staff to continue high-quality work and to implement improvements in the management of the District’s wastewater collection system. This section fulfills the Goals element of the SSMP requirements.

1.1 Regulatory Requirements for Goals Element

The summarized requirements for the Goals element of the SSMP are as follows:

WDR Requirement:

The collection system agency must develop goals to properly manage, operate, and maintain all parts of its wastewater collection system in order to reduce and prevent SSOs, as well as to mitigate any SSOs that occur.

1.2 Element 1 Attachments

There are no attachments associated with Element 1.

1.3 Goals Discussion

Providing safe, responsive, and reliable sewer service is a key component in the District’s Strategic Plan. The District’s Mission Statement is, “The mission of the District is to provide water, sewer, parks and recreation, graffiti abatement and other essential services to our community”. The District’s Vision for Sewer Services is, “Provide superior sewer service and operate an industrial waste sewer system that results in no Sewer System Overflows, meets best practices in protecting the environment and reliably recovers water resources for the beneficial uses of our customers”.

In support of this mission and vision, the District has developed the following strategies for the operation and maintenance of its sewer system:

1. Increase staff training.
2. Evaluate programs and facilities for efficiency.
3. Strengthen industry relations.
4. Prioritize public outreach.
5. Update and organize information.
6. Prioritize and fund repair and replacement projects to address aging infrastructure.

Each strategy has several tactics that are used to achieve the strategies.

The goals of this SSMP are to:

1. Eliminate the number, magnitude, and impact of sanitary sewer overflows.
2. Prevent public health hazards.
3. Minimize inconveniences by responsibly handling interruptions in service.
4. Protect the large investment in collection systems by maintaining adequate capacities to convey peak flows and extending useful life.
5. Prevent unnecessary damage to public and private property.
6. Use funds available for sewer operations in the most efficient manner.
7. Convey wastewater to treatment facilities with a minimum of infiltration, inflow and exfiltration.
8. Perform all operations in a safe manner to avoid personal injury and property damage.
9. Train employees and contractors to assure that those who work with the District's Sewer System have a thorough knowledge of the SSMP and OERP.

The SSMP will contribute to the proper management of the collection system and assist the District in minimizing the frequency and impacts of SSOs by providing guidance for appropriate maintenance, capacity management, and emergency response.